

Teacher Compensation Assistance Program

Summary: Jan. 2, 2008

Following the passage of HB 1171 creating the Teacher Compensation Assistance Program, the Department of Education established administrative rules for the program. Information about the program can be found at <http://doe.sd.gov/secretary/TCAP/index.asp>. The appropriation allocated \$4 million of state funds to be matched with \$1 million from local school districts.

One hundred and fifty-two applications were submitted for the 2007-08 school year, with 13 school districts not applying.

The 2008-09 application process began in November 2007, with applications to be approved by Feb. 1, 2008. To date, 152 applications have been submitted.

A TCAP Oversight Board was created for the purpose of reviewing all TCAP applications and to recommend changes to the process and procedures of the program. The TCAP Oversight Board makes recommendations regarding approval of applications to the South Dakota Board of Education, which makes final approval. Members of TCAP Oversight Board include:

Senator Ed Olson
Representative Phyllis Heineman
Dr. Pam Homan
Paul Lundberg
Eric Abrahamson
John Duffy
Charlotte Mohling
Robert Cook
David Owens

TCAP Oversight Board Policy Recommendations approved by the South Dakota Board of Education in November 2007 include:

1. The Oversight Board recommends school districts have the option to submit a one-, two- or three-year application. Annual amendments and adjustments to approved applications would be considered.
2. The budget section of the application should continue to provide information explaining where matching funds will be included in the district budgets, but only require estimated activity budgets. This will allow districts to shift TCAP money for approved activities without the need to request amendments to their budget.
3. TCAP 2008-09 Application Timeline
 - November 1, 2007 TCAP applications available online
 - December 14, 2007 TCAP applications due to DOE, begin review by Oversight Board
 - January 7, 2008 Oversight Board makes final recommendations, send to Secretary
 - January 14, 2008 South Dakota Board of Education approves TCAP recommendations
 - January 18, 2008 School districts notified of application status